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Dear Commissioners,

As a Precinct Committeeman in the Sangamon County, Illinois Republican Party, I, along with my fellow Committeemen, were recently in receipt of a package of campaign materials sent through the United States Postal Service from 18th District Congressional candidate Aaron Schock.

It is my belief, and that of others (some of whom join me as a complainant), the Aaron Schock campaign package is in violation of Federal Election Law. Let me tell you why:

Among the materials in the Aaron Schock campaign package is a DVD containing fully-produced television advertisements promoting Schock for Congress and even some that were used in election cycles past when Schock was a candidate for State Representative. The fact that identical video was used in both advertisements is clearly a violation of FEC law. One particular segment showing candidate Schock walking in the Illinois Statehouse with a 'staff person' was used in the State Representative campaign commercial that was written, produced and aired in the 2006 General Election. The exact same video clip is now being used in Schock's 2008 campaign for U.S. Congress.

According to inquiries made with the FEC Information Division 'resources and assets used in a non-federally regulated campaign cannot be used in a federally regulated campaign.' It was suggested by a representative that if the Schock campaign is indeed using state-campaign-funded video in a federal campaign commercial, that they should be able to provide the FEC Advisory Opinion showing that activity has been authorized. But that same representative believes that no-such Advisory Opinion has been issued and that the actions by the Schock campaign warrant this formal complaint.

The DVD in question is provided as an enclosure for your viewing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, I look forward to hearing your ruling.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Sneed



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Signed and sworn to before me.



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